

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

- 12.14.17 Ladies Christmas Party, 6:30p.m.
- 12.16.17 Breakfast With Santa, 9:30a.m.
- 12.16.17 LCOC Christmas Party with the Carillion Carolers 6:00p.m., Dinner will be served at 6:30
- 12.17.17 Candle Light Service, 7:00p.m., refreshments will be served afterwards

Prayer Requests

- Missions: Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges
- AIM: Hannah Baker & Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Grayson Carter-- Ft. Riley, Kansas; Deployed to /Germany
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii-- Wheeler Army Airfield
- Steve Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Robin Smith
- Nelson Bright- Karen Oliver's Uncle
- Heath Hartwell-Brian Devereaux's Friend
- Kimberly Craig and Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's daughter and niece
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Danny Altman-Lauren's Brother
- Kelli Harding & Lanhams'
- Sandi Chamberlain & Family
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart's Father
- Robin Akers & Family
- Tom Dominick
- Dave Watkins

"OUR FATHER'S HEART"

The spirit of God came upon Isaiah and said "I have anointed you to preach the gospel (good news) to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to free the captives, to release the prisoners from darkness, and to do it now. This was 725 years before Jesus walked the earth. At the very beginning of Jesus ministry, recorded in Luke chapter 4 He stood up and read this same verse in the synagogue. He sat down and in essence said: "today, in your hearing this verse has been fulfilled." They marveled at his gracious words!

God revealed his heart through Isaiah over 700 years before Jesus. Jesus appeared to reveal, affirm, and accomplish this vision. When Jesus gave the Great Commission He said "Go into all the world and preach the Good news to all creation." The essence of our faith is the essence of the great commission. It is that our Father, the God of the universe has good news for poor people, and we are all poor people. This is what Isaiah spoke, this is what Jesus exposed and preached and this is the heart of our Father. Jesus came to show the heart of our Father which in its essence is good news on a galactic scale.

Our Father's heart is about "binding up the brokenhearted, opening the eyes of the blind (think every form of blindness), freeing us all from our bondage, and releasing the oppressed (think every form of oppression). In the great commission He does ask us to believe, to be baptized, and to become learners and doers. But it all goes full circle back to the heart of God as revealed in Isaiah and made flesh by Jesus.

Jesus paid his life for all this to happen! Jesus suffered and died to take God's vengeance off the table and free us for community with God. So, let's go back to the beginning. The spirit of God brings good news. He comes to bind the broken, to open the eyes of the blind, to free us from captivity and oppression. The spirit of God goes on to say He wants to comfort all who mourn and provide for those who grieve. He wants to give you a crown of beauty for your ashes. God wants to change your mourning into gladness and your depression into praise. God's motives in your life are astounding and heart changing. You can read all this in Isaiah chapter 61.

This is about you and me, all of us. This is God's heart! Our challenge is to believe it, receive it, obey it, and let it change our destiny. When properly digested this is such good news that it becomes entirely transformational. Aligning one's self with God and what He is doing on this earth brings the joy and hope your heart is longing for. This is the Kingdom of God and this is the great commission.

Believe, receive, obey and join God on His mission! This is the acceptable year of the Lord!

There is nothing better in all this earth!

Your Shepherds

Assembly Times

- Sunday Worship 9:30AM**
- Sunday Class 11 AM**
- AWANA, Sunday 10 AM**
- Wednesday, 7 PM Bible Study**

Weekly Stats

AM Bible Class 80
AM Bible Class Average 89

AM Assembly 101
AM Assembly Avg. 129

Contribution \$5,221.00
YTD Average Weekly \$7,431.52

Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

Shepherds

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Anniversaries:

- 12.3 Justin & Janna Muery
- 12.27 Ory & Larkin Johnson
- 12.31 Matt & Mary Joy

Birthdays:

- 12.13 Wayne Burress
- 12.16 Mike Bridges
- 12.18 Marilyn Ojadi
- 12.18 Eduardo Diaz
- 12.21 Nic Hanle
- 12.22 Davie Guill

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**Opportunities to Serve
December 17, 2017**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Ruben Macedo
Cliff Brown

Lord's Supper:

Travis Jex

Servers in December:

Higinio Cruz
David Dowdy
Stephen Wood
Jason Falls
Mark Cox
Nicholas Joy

Door Greeters in Dec.:

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YOUTH NEWS

MEN'S NEWS

This is definitely a busy time of year! I hope that you are able to take some time to enjoy your families and be reminded of the real reason we celebrate this season! What a beautiful gift God shared with us when he sent His Son to the earth to give us life and love, joy and peace. What a perfect opportunity to spread these blessings to everyone around us! Tonight at our last youth group of the year we are going to have a Christmas party. Of course, we'll enjoy snacks, and games, and fellowship, but we'll also be filling baskets to send out to some of our members that we haven't seen lately, those that are physically unable to get to church. I hope that our teens will be an encouragement to some people that can use a little extra joy this time of year. So, if you are a teen, please bring a snack or drink, wear your ugly Christmas sweater, and bring some items to fill our baskets, and we'll see you at 7pm for a good time!

Although we will continue to meet on Sunday mornings throughout the holidays, we will be taking a three week break from Wednesday night youth group. Our Wednesday Night Youth Activities will resume on January 10th.

If you plan to go to Winterfest, there is a sign up sheet on the white table in the youth room. This is the biggest, most exciting event we go on all year, so please be thinking about whether you can go, and invite your friends. It is open to all 6-12th graders. It takes place in Gatlinburg, TN on the weekend of Feb 16-18th. The cost is \$135, which includes the event, a chartered bus, hotel, and some meals and snacks. I need a \$50 deposit before Christmas in order to secure our tickets, so please get these to me ASAP! Thanks so much!

Dawn

We are all familiar with the idea of Robbing Your Neighbor, but what about Robbing God. "Thou shalt not steal" can encompass many different categories.

We rob God of credibility when we choose to live lives lacking in character.

Jeremiah 7:9-10

Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal and follow other gods you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, "We are safe"—safe to do all these detestable things?

We rob God of honor by holding back with our giving.

Malachi 3:8-10

Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, "How are we robbing you?"

In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

So how do we guard our hearts against the temptation to rob our neighbor or to rob God?

- 1) Get Grateful - let's be honest, none of us want what we actually deserve and if we all got what we wanted it would be a disaster.
- 2) Share Often - we all have more than we think we do...don't hesitate to share some of it.
- 3) Trust God - funny how so many things always come back full-circle to letting God take the reins. It's all his stuff anyways.

#theonlywayisup

-Justin